STATE OF MINNESOTA OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

In the Matter of the Petition of Aho Construction, Inc., for Annexation of 136.62 Acres into the City of Richmond from Wakefield Township Pursuant to Minn. Stat. Chapter 414

ORDER FOR MEDIATION

TO: Rich Romness (Agent for the Petitioner); Tom Arrowsmith (the Petitioner); James Worm (Mayor of the City of Richmond); Dan Doughlin (Richmond City Administrator); John Willenbring (Chair of the Wakefield Township Board); and Heidi Stalboerger (Town Board Clerk):

WHEREAS, the Executive Director of the Municipal Boundary Adjustments Unit of the Office of Administrative Hearings has referred this matter to the Administrative Law Division of the Office of Administrative Hearings for the assignment of an Administrative Law Judge to conduct mediation in this matter;

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Minn. Rule 1400.5950, that Kathleen D. Sheehy, Administrative Law Judge, Office of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101, telephone (651) 361-7848, is appointed as mediator in this matter, and that the mediation shall be held at a time and date agreed to by the parties. It is strongly recommended that a person with authority to settle this case for each party be present during the mediation session. If that is not possible, that person shall be immediately available by telephone.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a telephone conference call shall be held on October 9, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., to discuss the issues for mediation, determine who will participate in the mediation session, and set a time, date, and location for the mediation session. To join the conference call, please dial 1-888-790-7809 at 9:30 a.m. on October 9, 2007, and enter conference code "19222." Please notify Judge Neilson's secretary, Nancy Hansen, at 651-361-7874, by October 4, 2007, if you believe that others should be included in this conference call, if you do not wish to participate in this conference call, or if you do wish to participate but this conference call time is inconvenient for you.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, no later than one week prior to the mediation, each party shall file with the mediator a confidential mediation

statement which shall set out (1) a brief summary of the facts and issues; (2) a description of settlement discussions to date; and (3) a list of the names and titles of persons who will attend the mediation. The mediation statement need not be served on the other party.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that after termination of the mediation the mediator shall forward either a signed settlement agreement to the Executive Director of the Municipal Boundary Adjustments Unit or, if no agreement is reached, a request to set a date for a contested case hearing.

Dated: October 1, 2007

s/Raymond R. Krause
RAYMOND R. KRAUSE
Chief Administrative Law Judge